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GRIFFIN et al.

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For: SECURITY DEVICE FOR A DOOR

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and
Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

EVIDENTIARY DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM CAMPAGNARO

Commissioner:

I, Christopher William Campagnaro, hereby say and declare:

1. I am the same Christopher Campagnaro who made a declaration on January 26, 2009 related to this patent application.
2. I have reviewed two patent documents that were given to me by Mr. Griffin's patent agent, Scott Pundsack. The first is US Patent No. 3,271,919 invented by R. N. Olton. The second is US Patent No. 4,858,384 invented by James Blankenship. I previously reviewed UK Patent Application GB 2,265,664 A by Thomas Smith before making my previous declaration.

3. The Olton patent is described as a Door Edge Protector. The first five paragraphs of the patent discuss the need for a decorative or protective strip to protect the edge of the door from being damaged in ordinary use. The damages that Mr. Olton is concerned about is ordinary scratching and denting caused by people and things moving through doors, and not damage from thieves trying to break-in. Mr. Olton's patent is from 1964 but I have never seen his invention in use on any door.

4. Mr. Olton does not describe his invention as being a security device to resist break-ins. Mr. Olton cuts a groove into the front and back surfaces of the door for his edge protector. Each groove extends along the full height of the door between the edge of the door and the doorknob. Figure 2 appears to be drawn to scale, and it shows the two grooves together being about 30% of the thickness of the door. I expect that these grooves would greatly weaken the door since a thin door is much weaker than a thick door. If a thief kicks the door, the door is likely to break between the grooves. Mr. Olton's door protector ends in the groove, so it would not help stop the break.

5. I do not think that Mr. Olton intended his invention to be a security device, and I do not think that his invention would work as a security device. Because it is not a security device, and because I think it would weaken a door, I do not think that anyone would use Mr. Olton's invention on an exterior door as a security device. I also do not think that a person working in my field would install Mr. Olton's invention in combination with a large plate mounted in a door jamb as in Mr. Blankenship's invention or Mr. Smith's invention. It would not make sense to reinforce the door jamb with a door that this likely to break.

I declare that further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

By 
Christopher William Campagnaro

Date: APRIL 30, 2010.